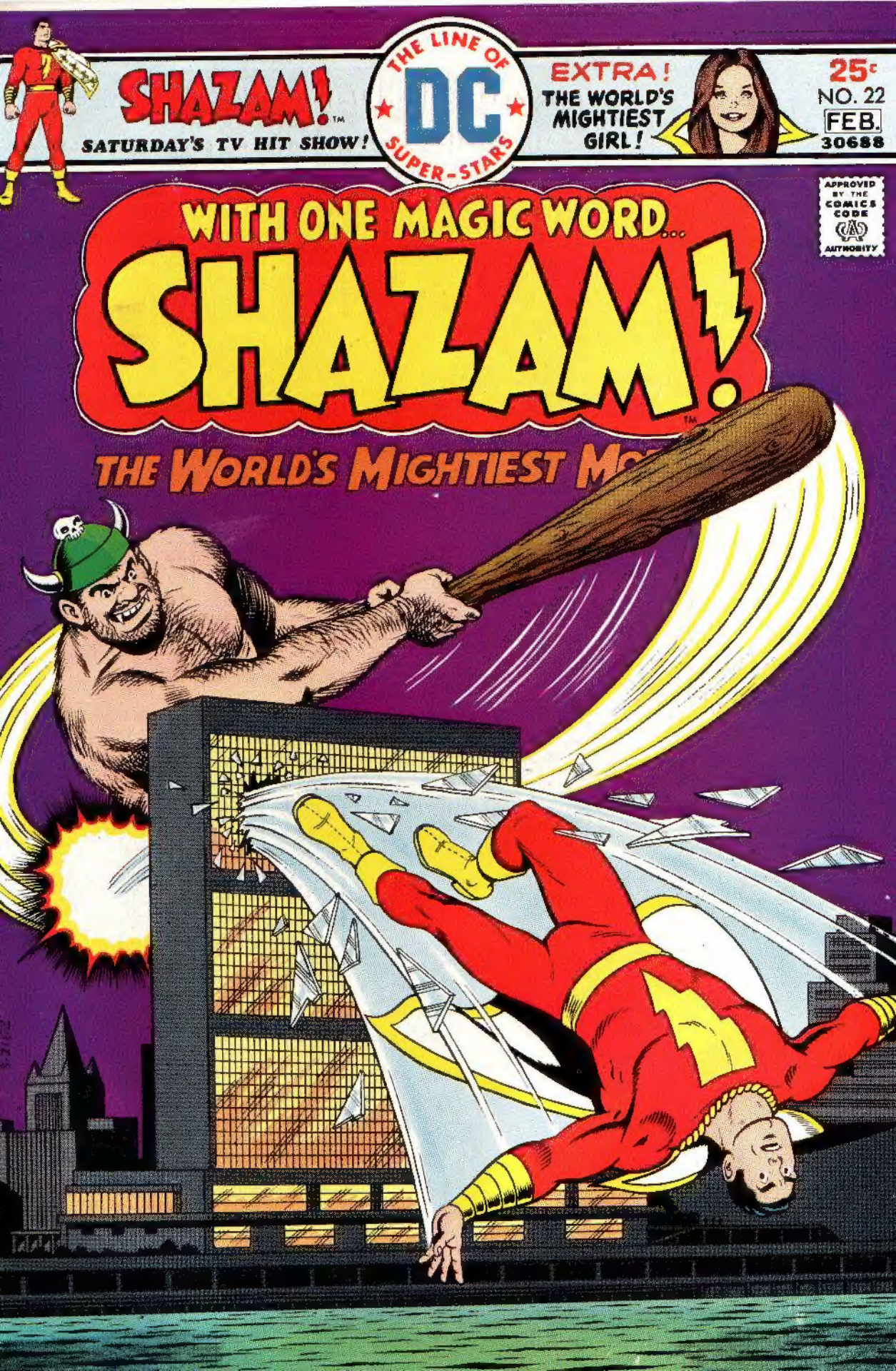
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HELLO, FRIENDS! I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME I DID A LITTLE JOB FOR THE UN ... ULP!
LITTLE JOB? ENOUGH OUT OF YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL! IT WAS ACTUALLY A TERRIFIC JOB! I'M JACK TODD, REPORTER, AND I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET THE TRUE VERSION OF IT, FOLKS!
NOT WHILE I'M WORKING FOR WHAM, BEAST-MAN!
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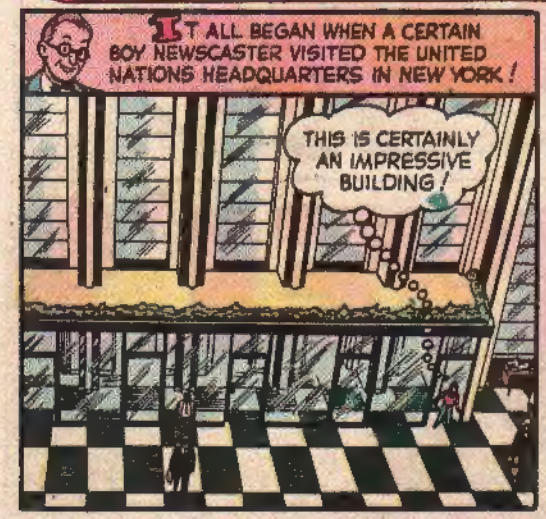
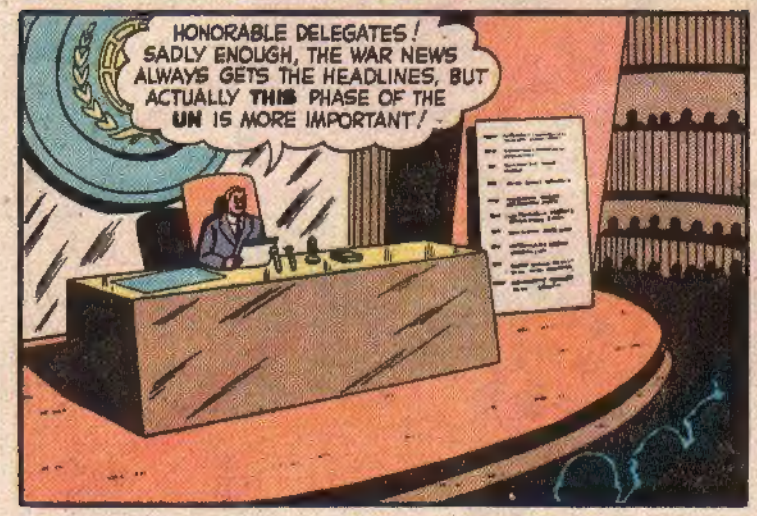
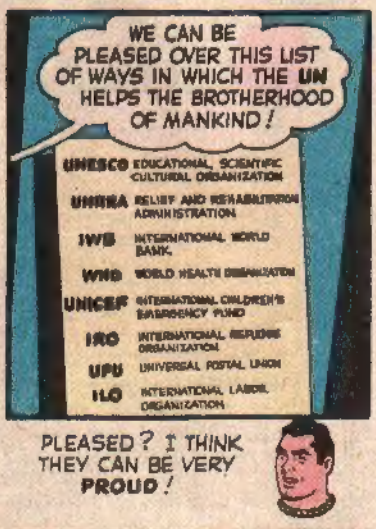

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN A CERTAIN BOY NEWSCASTER VISITED THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK!
THIS IS CERTAINLY AN IMPRESSIVE BUILDING!

YOU NEED NO INTRODUCTION, OF COURSE, TO BILLY BATSON!
BUT IT'S NOT JUST FOR LOOKS... IT'S REALLY A WORKSHOP WHERE MEN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WORK TOGETHER!
MEETING OF THIRD COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL AIMS NOW IN SESSION
VISITORS WELCOME


HONORABLE DELEGATES! SADLY ENOUGH, THE WAR NEWS ALWAYS GETS THE HEADLINES, BUT ACTUALLY THIS PHASE OF THE UN IS MORE IMPORTANT!


WE CAN BE PLEASED OVER THIS LIST OF WAYS IN WHICH THE UN HELPS THE BROTHERHOOD OF MANKIND!
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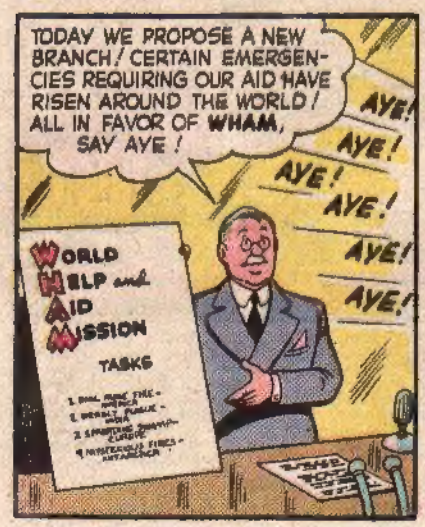
PLEASED? I THINK THEY CAN BE VERY PROUD!


TODAY WE PROPOSE A NEW BRANCH! CERTAIN EMERGENCIES REQUIRING OUR AID HAVE RISEN AROUND THE WORLD! ALL IN FAVOR OF WHAM, SAY AYE!
AYE!
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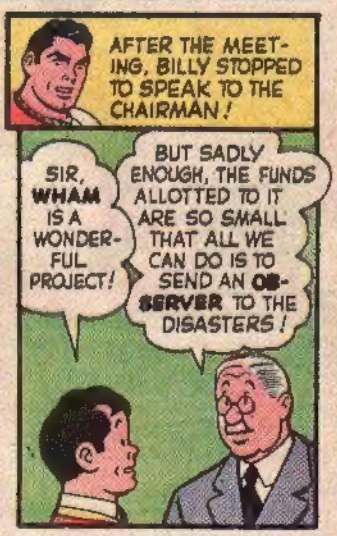
AYE!
AYE!
WORLD HELP and AID MISSION
TASKS


AFTER THE MEETING, BILLY STOPPED TO SPEAK TO THE CHAIRMAN!
SIR, WHAM IS A WONDERFUL PROJECT!
BUT SADLY ENOUGH, THE FUNDS ALLOTTED TO IT ARE SO SMALL THAT ALL WE CAN DO IS TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE DISASTERS!

AND LOOK AT THESE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN VARIOUS CORNERS OF THE WORLD!
HOLY MOLEY!
TASKS
1. COAL MINE FIRE - AMERICA
2. DEADLY PLAGUE - INDIA
3. SPREADING SWAMP - EUROPE
4. MYSTERIOUS FIRES - ANTARCTICA

CAPTAIN MARVEL'S MOST DIFFICULT TASK

WELL, AT LEAST WE CAN SEND THIS **UN** REPORTER, JACK TODD, TO INVESTIGATE! BUT I WISH WE COULD SEND A **CREW** TO HELP, INSTEAD OF ONE MAN!

HMM! I MUST BE GOING NOW, SIR!

BUT BILLY ONLY WENT TO A QUIET CORNER TO SPEAK A CERTAIN WORD IN PRIVATE!

I KNOW A **CREW** WHO CAN HELP! SHAZAAM!

YOU ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT! HOW THE MYSTIC WORD BRINGS DOWN A THUNDERBOLT OF MAGIC LIGHTNING THAT MAKES BILLY **VANISH**!

BOOM

FOR OF COURSE HE CHANGES INTO HIS OTHER FORM OF... YOURS TRULY, CAPTAIN MARVEL! I RETURNED TO THE CHAIRMAN AND REPORTER, WONDERING WHY THEIR FACES WERE SO THUNDERSTRUCK!

HOLY HANNAH---LOOK! IT'S THE FAMOUS CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL! THE GREAT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, ALWAYS BATTLING EVIL AND DANGER!

?

WOWW!

I BLUSHED! THOSE REPORTERS! ALWAYS OVER-PLAYING THINGS INTO DRAMATIC HEADLINES! ACTUALLY I WAS JUST PLAIN OLD CAPTAIN MARVEL, DOING MY BIT NOW AND THEN...

RUBBISH! FOLKS, LET HIM BLUSH AND STAMMER, BUT I REPEAT--- IT WAS THE **FAMOUS--- RENOWNED --- PEERLESS--- MIGHTY--- SENSATIONAL CAPTAIN MARVEL!**

UH---WELL, ANYWAY, I OFFERED MY SERVICES TO **WHAM!**

LET ME COVER THAT LIST FOR **WHAM**, SIR! I'LL DO MY BEST, EVEN IF I'M ONLY ONE MAN!

ONE MAN! BROTHER! YOU'RE BETTER THAN TEN THOUSAND MEN ROLLED INTO ONE!

THE THOUGHT OF CAPTAIN MARVEL ON THE JOB TOOK MY BREATH AWAY--- IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!

YIPES! FASTER THAN A JET PLANE!

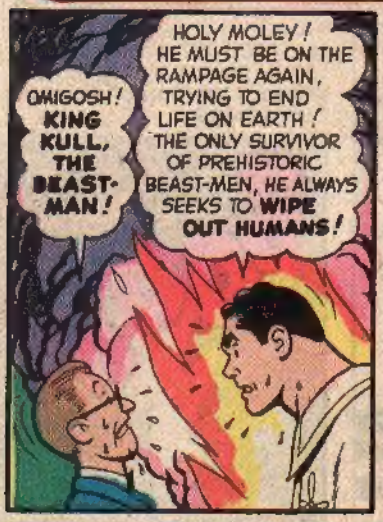
HANG ON, JACK! FIRST, THAT RAGING COAL MINE FIRE!

LATER, WE SPOKE TO THE HELPLESS MINE MANAGER!

IF THIS UNDER-GROUND FIRE SPREADS, IT MAY BURN UP AMERICA'S LARGEST COAL BEDS! HOW DID IT START, SIR?

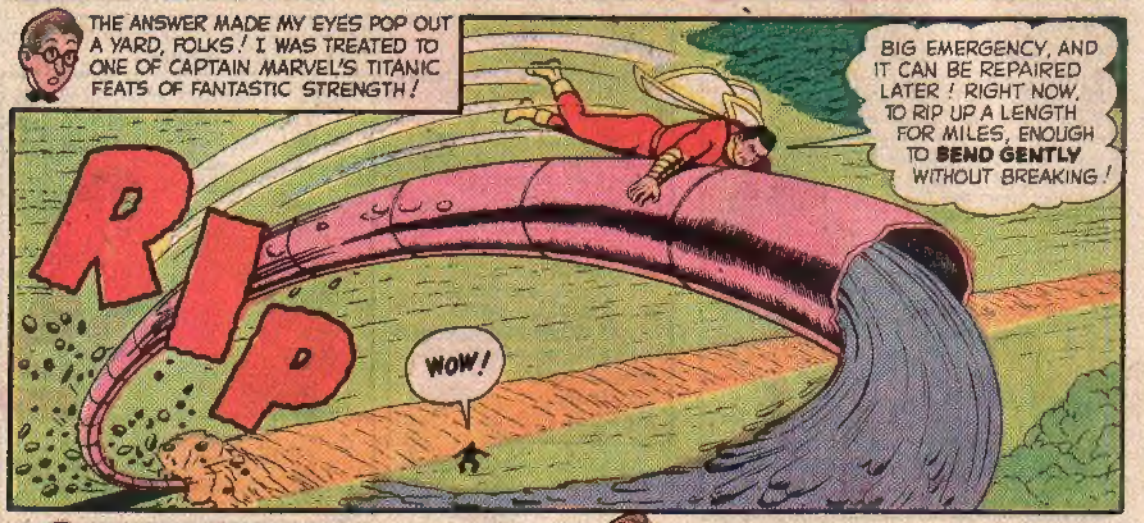
WHO KNOWS? ONE MINER SAID HE SAW A HORRIBLE CREATURE TOSSING A FIRE-BOMB AND LAUGHING MADLY LIKE THIS--- **HA HO HAAAA!**

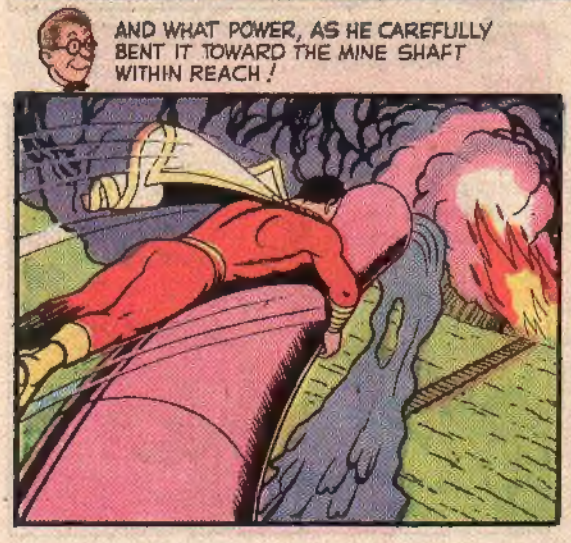
ROAR

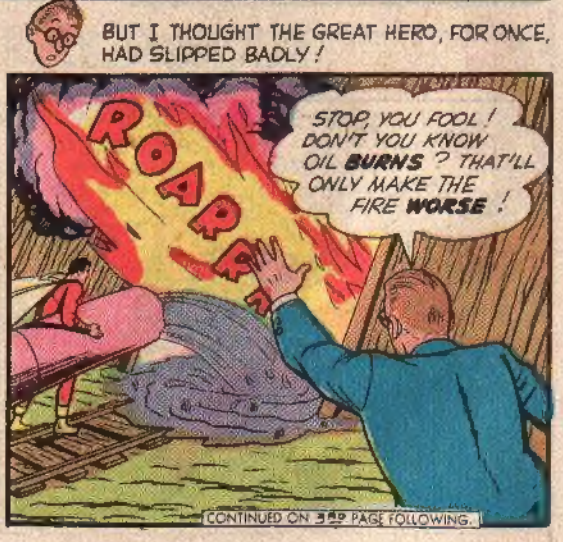

OMIGOSH! KING KULL, THE BEAST-MAN!
HOLY MOLEY! HE MUST BE ON THE RAMPAGE AGAIN, TRYING TO END LIFE ON EARTH! THE ONLY SURVIVOR OF PREHISTORIC BEAST-MEN, HE ALWAYS SEEKS TO WIPE OUT HUMANS!

WE CAN'T JUST FLOOD THE MINE TO QUENCH THE FIRE! NO WATER WITHIN MILES---NO RIVER, LAKE, NOTHING!
GOSH, HOW CAN YOU DOUSE THE FIRE THEN, CAPTAIN MARVEL? THIS RATES AS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT TASKS YOU EVER MET!
ZOOM

DIFFICULT? COME NOW, JACK! THIS IS RELATIVELY EASY! HERE'S THE BIG INCH, RUNNING CLOSE BY!
THE BURIED LINE THAT PIPES OIL FROM TEXAS TO THE EAST! BUT HOW CAN THIS HELP?


THE ANSWER MADE MY EYES POP OUT A YARD, FOLKS! I WAS TREATED TO ONE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL'S TITANIC FEATS OF FANTASTIC STRENGTH!
BIG EMERGENCY, AND IT CAN BE REPAIRED LATER! RIGHT NOW, TO RIP UP A LENGTH FOR MILES, ENOUGH TO BEND GENTLY WITHOUT BREAKING!
RIP
WOW!


AND WHAT POWER, AS HE CAREFULLY BENT IT TOWARD THE MINE SHAFT WITHIN REACH!


BUT I THOUGHT THE GREAT HERO, FOR ONCE, HAD SLIPPED BADLY!
ROAR
STOP, YOU FOOL! DON'T YOU KNOW OIL BURNS? THAT'LL ONLY MAKE THE FIRE WORSE!
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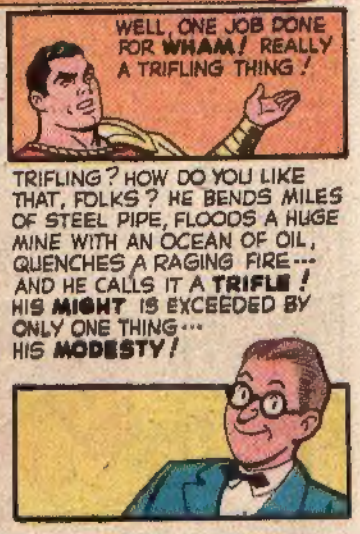
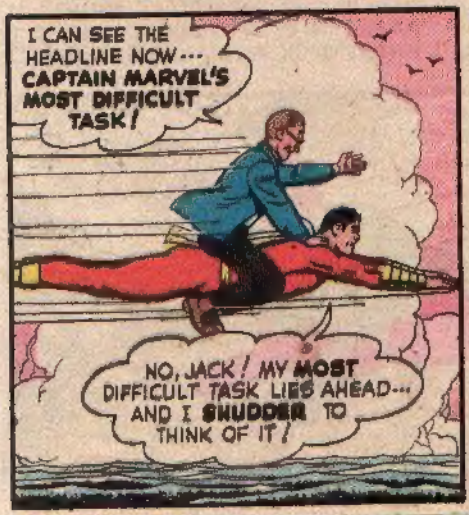
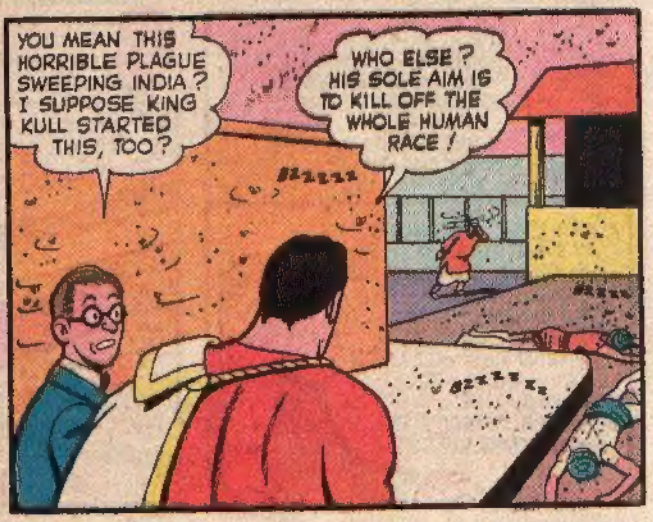
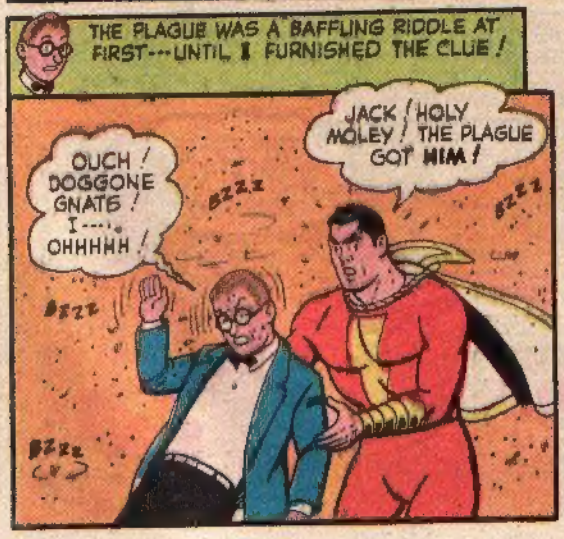
IT WORKED! NEITHER THE COAL NOR OIL COULD BURN WITHOUT AIR! CAPTAIN MARVEL, YOU'RE A MASTERMIND!
PARDON ME, WHILE I BEND THE BIG INCH BACK IN PLACE AND PATCH IT UP UNTIL A REPAIR CREW CAN TAKE OVER!

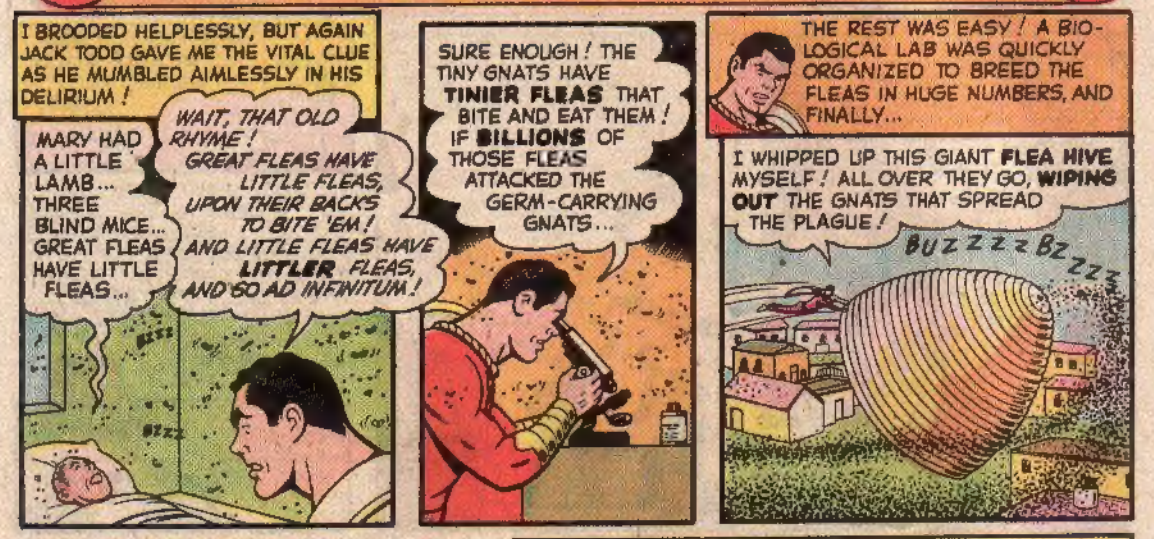

WELL, ONE JOB DONE FOR **WHAM!** REALLY A TRIFLING THING!
TRIFLING? HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, FOLKS? HE BENDS MILES OF STEEL PIPE, FLOODS A HUGE MINE WITH AN OCEAN OF OIL, QUENCHES A RAGING FIRE··· AND HE CALLS IT A **TRIFLE**! HIS **MIGHT** IS EXCEEDED BY ONLY ONE THING··· HIS **MODESTY**!

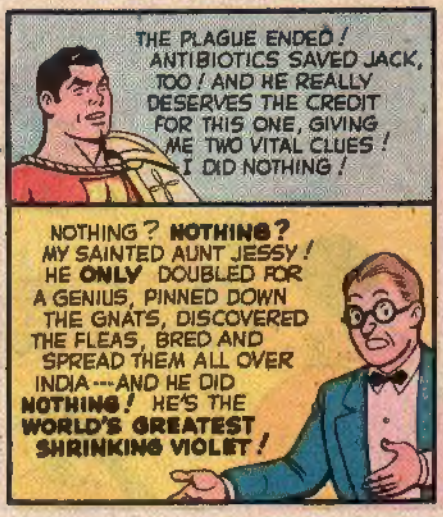

I CAN SEE THE HEADLINE NOW··· **CAPTAIN MARVEL'S MOST DIFFICULT TASK**!
NO, JACK! MY **MOST** DIFFICULT TASK LIES AHEAD··· AND I **SHUDDER** TO THINK OF IT!

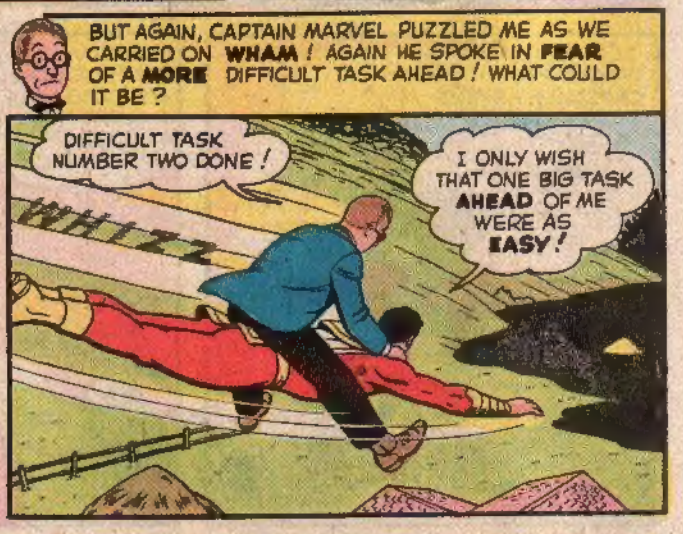

YOU MEAN THIS HORRIBLE PLAGUE SWEEPING INDIA? I SUPPOSE KING KULL STARTED THIS, TOO?
WHO ELSE? HIS SOLE AIM IS TO KILL OFF THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE!
BZZZZZ


THE PLAGUE WAS A BAFFLING RIDDLE AT FIRST··· UNTIL I FURNISHED THE CLUE!
OUCH! DOGGONE GNATS! I··· OHHHHH!
JACK! HOLY MOLEY! THE PLAGUE GOT **HIM**!
BZZZ

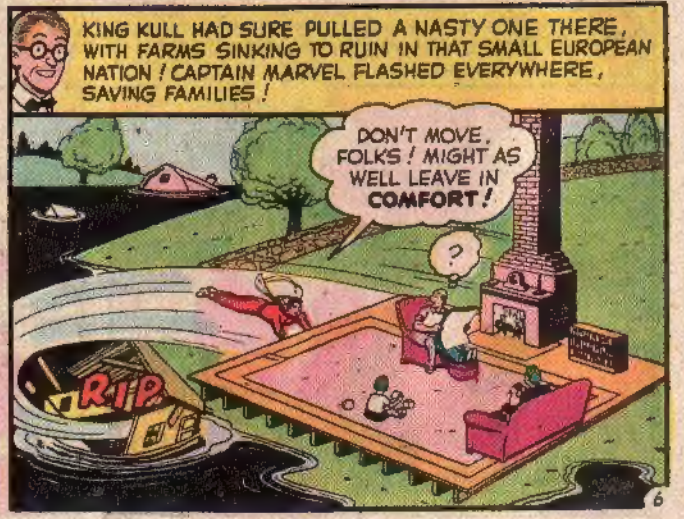
JACK MOANED IN A FEVERISH DELIRIUM THEN, DYING BEFORE MY EYES! FOR ONCE IN MY CAREER, I FELT UTTERLY **HELPLESS**!
THOSE GNATS! LIKE MALARIAL MOSQUITOES, THEIR **BITE** TRANSMITS THE PLAGUE GERMS! BUT HOW CAN I FIGHT MILLIONS OF TINY GNATS? THEY ARE ONE **ENEMY** I CAN'T JUST PUNCH IN THE NOSE!
SWISH
BZZZZ
MOAN


I BROODED HELPLESSLY, BUT AGAIN JACK TODD GAVE ME THE VITAL CLUE AS HE MUMBLED AIMLESSLY IN HIS DELIRIUM!
MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB... THREE BLIND MICE... GREAT FLEAS HAVE LITTLE FLEAS...
WAIT, THAT OLD RHYME! GREAT FLEAS HAVE LITTLE FLEAS, UPON THEIR BACKS TO BITE 'EM! AND LITTLE FLEAS HAVE LITTLER FLEAS, AND SO AD INFINITUM!
BZZZ
BZZZ
SURE ENOUGH! THE TINY GNATS HAVE TINIER FLEAS THAT BITE AND EAT THEM! IF BILLIONS OF THOSE FLEAS ATTACKED THE GERM-CARRYING GNATS...
THE REST WAS EASY! A BIOLOGICAL LAB WAS QUICKLY ORGANIZED TO BREED THE FLEAS IN HUGE NUMBERS, AND FINALLY...
I WHIPPED UP THIS GIANT FLEA HIVE MYSELF! ALL OVER THEY GO, WIPING OUT THE GNATS THAT SPREAD THE PLAGUE!
BUZZZZBZZZZ


THE PLAGUE ENDED! ANTIBIOTICS SAVED JACK, TOO! AND HE REALLY DESERVES THE CREDIT FOR THIS ONE, GIVING ME TWO VITAL CLUES! I DID NOTHING!
NOTHING? NOTHING? MY SAINTED AUNT JESSY! HE ONLY DOUBLED FOR A GENIUS, PINNED DOWN THE GNATS, DISCOVERED THE FLEAS, BRED AND SPREAD THEM ALL OVER INDIA---AND HE DID NOTHING! HE'S THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHRINKING VIOLET!


BUT AGAIN, CAPTAIN MARVEL PUZZLED ME AS WE CARRIED ON WHAM! AGAIN HE SPOKE IN FEAR OF A MORE DIFFICULT TASK AHEAD! WHAT COULD IT BE?
DIFFICULT TASK NUMBER TWO DONE!
I ONLY WISH THAT ONE BIG TASK AHEAD OF ME WERE AS EASY!
WHIZZ

YOU MEAN THIS? HORRIBLE! NOT ONLY A SWAMPY BOG HERE, BUT IT'S SPREADING FAST!
CAREFUL, JACK! SOLID GROUND IS RAPIDLY TURNING TO QUICKSAND!
YIPES!


KING KULL HAD SURE PULLED A NASTY ONE THERE, WITH FARMS SINKING TO RUIN IN THAT SMALL EUROPEAN NATION! CAPTAIN MARVEL FLASHED EVERYWHERE, SAVING FAMILIES!
DON'T MOVE, FOLKS! MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE IN COMFORT!
?
RIP

CAPTAIN MARVEL'S MOST DIFFICULT TASK

BUT HOW TO SAVE THE PRECIOUS LAND? AND HERE'S WHERE MY MIGHTY FRIEND HAD ME GUESSING FOR AWHILE!

PLEASE! I'LL GO BUGS! ALL OVER IN THESE MOUNTAINS, YOU KEEP BUTTING YOUR HEAD INTO SOLID ROCK! WHY?

I'M **PROSPECTING**, JACK!

BAM

YES, I WAS PROSPECTING FOR THE **BIGGEST BONANZA** KNOWN, FOR SOMETHING WORTH FAR MORE THAN **PALTRY** GOLD OR DIAMONDS! FINALLY.

A BIG STRIKE! **PAY DIRT!** YAYYY!

PLUD

HEY! BUT IT'S ONLY PLAIN OLD **BLACK DIRT!**

WELL, THEN I PICKED UP THE DIRT MOUNTAIN AND DUMPED IT OVER THE BOG!

THAT DOES IT!

OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE! GOOD THING I'M TELLING THIS STORY, TOO, OR YOU'D THINK IT WAS ALL A **PICNIC!** THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL PICKED UP A **WHOLE GIANT MOUNTAIN,** MIND YOU! HE FLEW IT LIKE A FEATHER AND SPREAD THE DIRT EVENLY FOR HUNDREDS OF SQUARE MILES! IT WAS **MAGNIFICENT**...***MAGNIFICENT,*** *I TELL YOU!!*

KING KULL INJECTED SOME CHEMICAL IN A **BROOK** THAT TURNED THE GROUND INTO SWAMP! BUT NOW THE BROOK IS **COVERED UP** AND CAN'T FLOW!

AND BLACK DIRT **IS** THE BEST **TREASURE**! IT GROWS **FOOD**! CAN ANYBODY **EAT** GOLD OR DIAMONDS?

WAS THAT YOUR **MOST DIFFICULT TASK**, CAP? THE ONE YOU FEARED?

THAT? PAH! MY **WORST** TASK IS COMING UP! IT MAKES ME TREMBLE! BRRRR!

THE LAST THING ON THE **UN'S WHAM** LST IS **MYSTERIOUS**! WHALING SHIPS REPORTED **FLAMES** HERE!

IN ALL THIS **ICE**? GOSH, LOOK! IT'S TRUE!

YOU'RE FREEZING, JACK! KEEP WARM ON THIS WHALER WHILE I INVESTIGATE ALONE!

BRRRR!

FRANKLY, I WAS GLAD TO WARM UP ON THE WHALER! BUT I WONDERED WHAT **SINISTER MYSTERY** CAPTAIN MARVEL WOULD RUN INTO?

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"Kurt's **Mary Marvel** is a pleasure to look at. She looks modern and believable. Maybe she ought to have her own mag.

"One final note. No wonder the people on Cap's world were hysterical. They've become so by being invaded by intelligent worms, armies of all time, and Dr. Sivana. I am surprised they didn't do more!"

So ends the ancient scroll But on the other side of the manuscript, it said, "Great job, guys."

Tom Epps, Bloomington, Ind

(And the Messrs. Maggin, Schwartz, Bridwell and Schaffenberger carefully put the scroll away in a treasure-house, that it might not be lost or stolen.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Mr. Bridwell:

Although I read the first couple of issues of **Shazam**, mostly out of curiosity, I stopped buying it because I felt it was too childishly written and drawn for the tastes of a comic enthusiast in his early twenties. The other day, I picked up issue #20, and though the magazine will never be one of my all-time favorites, I did find it most pleasurable to read Mr Schaffenberger is a fine artist, and his work alone is reason enough to read one of **Captain Marvel's** adventures But most surprising was the story !

Actually, I found it quite strange that a book geared for kids could be so confusing. It seemed as if the ending was rushed, and there simply wasn't enough space to elaborate

Mr Maggin's moral was, of course, quite beautiful. "... When they say you're different, and you're really not." I think there are many minorities that could relate to that The bit of the machine, and the man saying, "It's just not natural," and finally the rioting crowd at the station, all added up to a powerful if simplistic statement. How unfortunate that many adults who would snub their noses at "comic books" haven't even learned the simple lesson illustrated in the tale

I must comment on how basically unusual the strip is. Do Billy and Mary live all by themselves? How old are they? Is **Captain Marvel** a completely different identity, or just Billy with a grown-up face and body? How does Freddy feel towards a male friend who spends half the time as a peer and the other half as a father figure?

So I guess the adventures of Fred MacMurray and Freddy Bartholomew (the original inspirations for the characters, or so I've heard) are more complex, more interesting than I'd ever dared dream And why not?'

Dan Raskio, New York, N.Y.

(To answer some of your questions: Billy has an apartment in Pa and Ma Potter's boarding house. Mary lives with her foster-mother, Mrs. Bromfield. The kids are 14—plus, CAP is a grown-up version of Billy. As for Freddy's feelings, we haven't asked him yet.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Shazam #20 was very good for a number of reasons. First, the **Marvel Family** was together in one book-lengther. Mr. Zodiac was a bit mysterious, though. You guys should do a follow-up. It would end the mystery.

Mary's adventure with the sumo wrestlers was pretty good—I'd rate it about second out of the three. **Junior's** I'd rate third **Cap's** was the best The way he handled the robots was excellent. It was more believable than the others. All in all, a pretty good ish

Brett M. Johnson, Pontiac, Ill.

(And that leaves me just room to tell you where the reprints in this issue originally appeared. "Captain Marvel's Most Difficult Task"—CAPTAIN MARVEL ADVENTURES #149, Oct., 1953. "The Triton and the Tunnel"—MARVEL FAMILY #19, Jan., 1948.—E. NELSON BRIDWELL)

BATMAN
AND
THE CAPTIVE COMMISSIONER
COMMISSIONER GORDON HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE 3 SVENGALI BROTHERS, UNDERWORLD FIGURES. WITHOUT ITS COMMISSIONER, GOTHAM CITY IS IN TOTAL CHAOS.
ROBIN, UNTIL COMMISSIONER GORDON IS FREED, THIS CITY IS IN TROUBLE.
NOT JUST TROUBLE, BATMAN, REAL, DEEP, BIG TROUBLE!
YOU TWO GUYS GOTTA MAKE A DEAL W TH THE BATMAN, EITHER WE RUN THIS TOWN, OR NOBODY'LL EVER SEE THE COMMISSIONER AGAIN.
WE'LL "PERSUADE" THE BATMAN...
..TO "TALK THINGS OVER."
DON'T TRY NUTHIN, BATMAN! THIS CAR IS COMPUTERIZED TO TAKE YOU TO OUR HIDEOUT, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO!
IN THAT CASE, LET'S ENJOY SOME SNACKS!
HEY! THIS IS TERRIFIC! HOSTESS FRUIT PIES! I'LL TAKE CHERRY!
APPLE FOR ME!
BATMAN, YOU'RE O.K. THIS HAS REAL FRUIT FILLING.
AND A TENDER CRUST YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE!
THEM DUMB BROTHERS OF MINE LET ME DOWN. LEMME OUTA HERE...
UNH
LET'S SAY I HAD A LITTLE BIT OF HELP FROM HOSTESS!
BATMAN, YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN!
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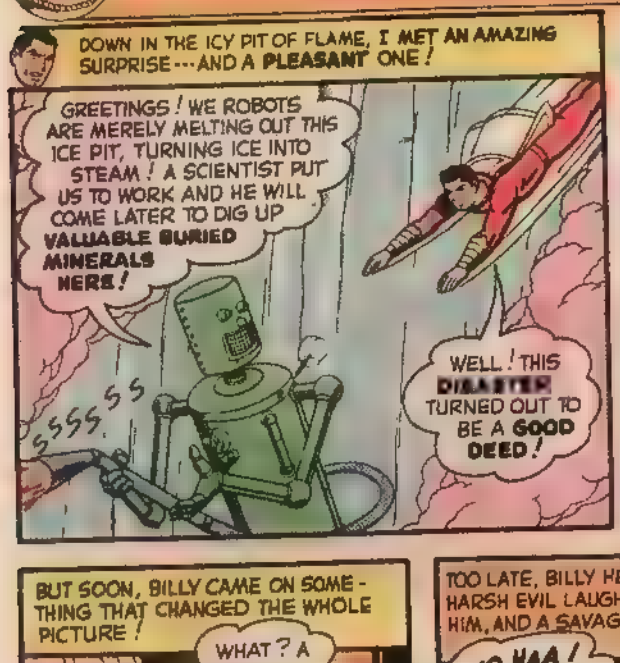
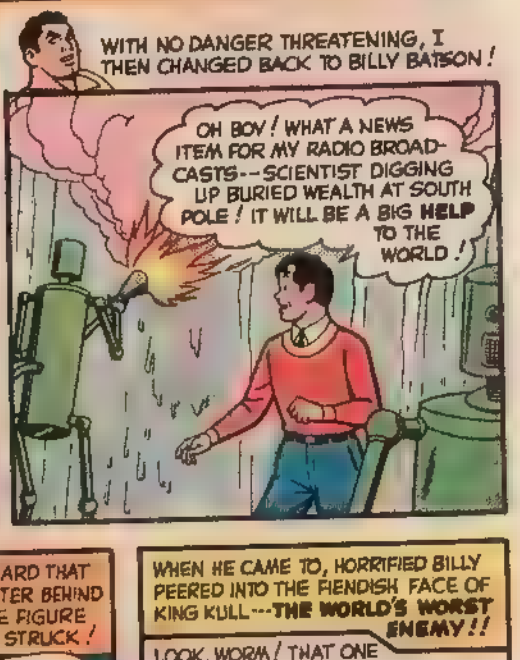
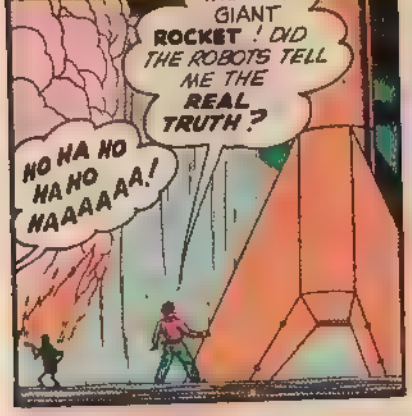
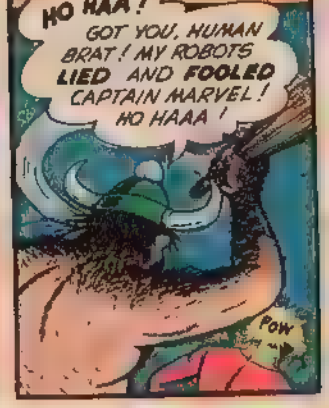
CAPTAIN MARVEL'S MOST DIFFICULT TASK

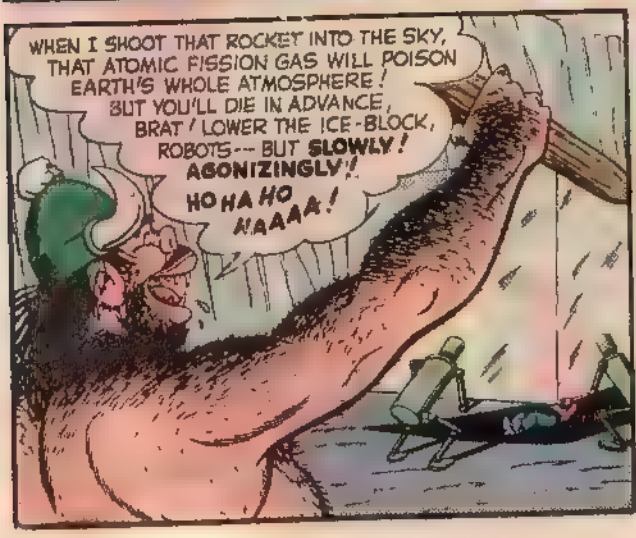

DOWN IN THE ICY PIT OF FLAME, I MET AN AMAZING SURPRISE---AND A PLEASANT ONE!
GREETINGS! WE ROBOTS ARE MERELY MELTING OUT THIS ICE PIT, TURNING ICE INTO STEAM! A SCIENTIST PUT US TO WORK AND HE WILL COME LATER TO DIG UP VALUABLE BURIED MINERALS HERE!
SSSSSS
WELL! THIS DISASTER TURNED OUT TO BE A GOOD DEED!

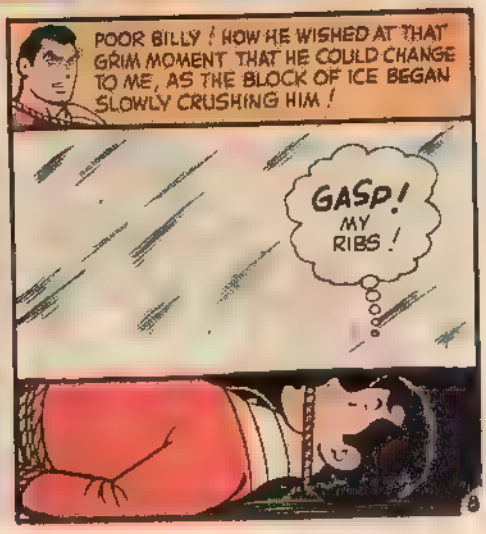

WITH NO DANGER THREATENING, I THEN CHANGED BACK TO BILLY BATSON!
OH BOY! WHAT A NEWS ITEM FOR MY RADIO BROADCASTS--SCIENTIST DIGGING UP BURIED WEALTH AT SOUTH POLE! IT WILL BE A BIG HELP TO THE WORLD!

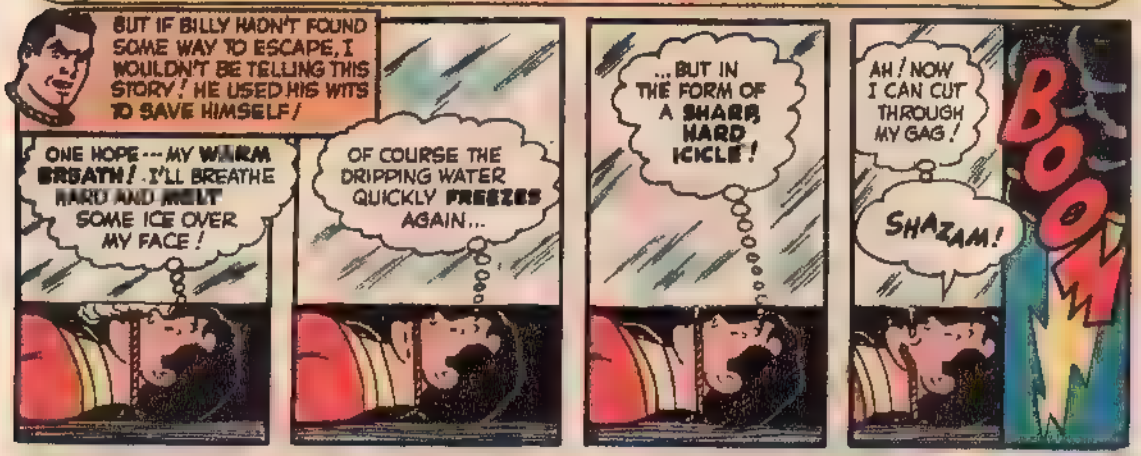

BUT SOON, BILLY CAME ON SOMETHING THAT CHANGED THE WHOLE PICTURE!
WHAT? A GIANT ROCKET! DID THE ROBOTS TELL ME THE REAL TRUTH?
HO HA HO HA HO HAAAAAA!

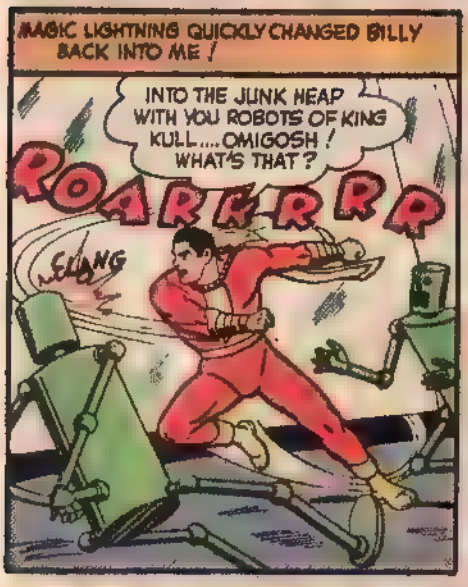

TOO LATE, BILLY HEARD THAT HARSH EVIL LAUGHTER BEHIND HIM, AND A SAVAGE FIGURE STRUCK!
HO HAA! GOT YOU, HUMAN BRAT! MY ROBOTS LIED AND FOOLED CAPTAIN MARVEL! HO HAAA!
POW

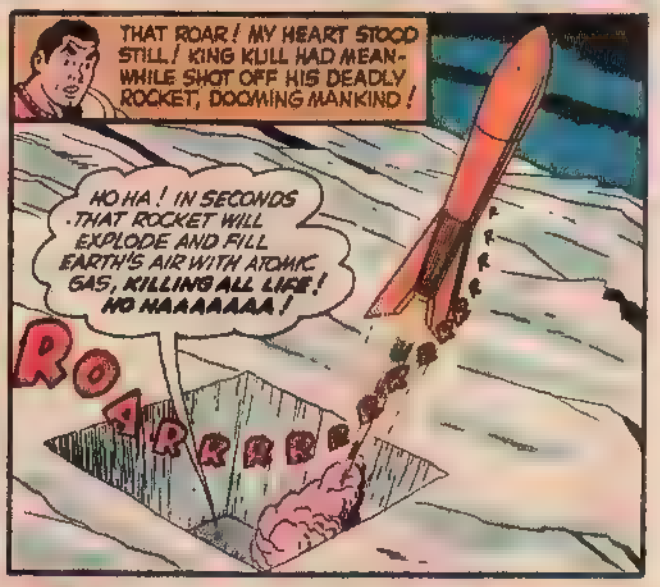
WHEN HE CAME TO, HORRIFIED BILLY PEERED INTO THE FIENDISH FACE OF KING KULL---THE WORLD'S WORST ENEMY!!
LOOK, WORM! THAT ONE ROCKET WILL FINALLY WIPE OUT THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF EARTH! IT'S FILLED WITH RADIOACTIVE GAS, UNDER PRESSURE! THE WORST POISON KNOWN TO HUMAN LUNGS!
HO HA HO HAAAA!

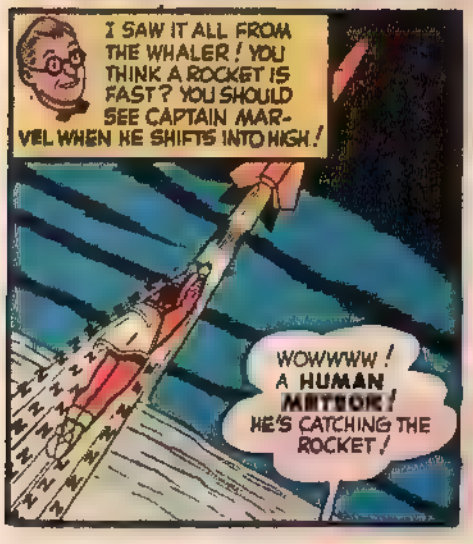

WHEN I SHOOT THAT ROCKET INTO THE SKY, THAT ATOMIC FISSION GAS WILL POISON EARTH'S WHOLE ATMOSPHERE! BUT YOU'LL DIE IN ADVANCE, BRAT! LOWER THE ICE-BLOCK, ROBOTS--- BUT SLOWLY! AGONIZINGLY!
HO HA HO HAAAA!

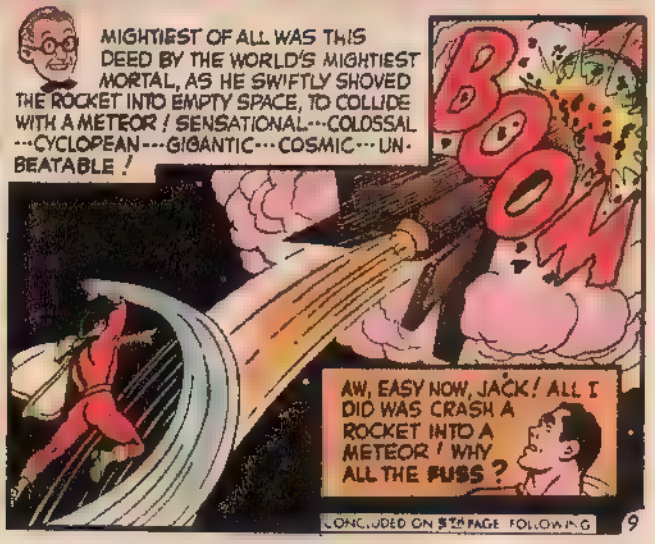

POOR BILLY! HOW HE WISHED AT THAT GRIM MOMENT THAT HE COULD CHANGE TO ME, AS THE BLOCK OF ICE BEGAN SLOWLY CRUSHING HIM!
GASP! MY RIBS!


BUT IF BILLY HADN'T FOUND SOME WAY TO ESCAPE, I WOULDN'T BE TELLING THIS STORY! HE USED HIS WITS TO SAVE HIMSELF!
ONE HOPE--- MY WARM BREATH! I'LL BREATHE HARD AND MELT SOME ICE OVER MY FACE!
OF COURSE THE DRIPPING WATER QUICKLY FREEZES AGAIN...
...BUT IN THE FORM OF A SHARP, HARD ICICLE!
AH! NOW I CAN CUT THROUGH MY GAG!
SHAZAM!
BOOM


MAGIC LIGHTNING QUICKLY CHANGED BILLY BACK INTO ME!
INTO THE JUNK HEAP WITH YOU ROBOTS OF KING KULL....OMIGOSH! WHAT'S THAT?
ROARRRR
SLANG


THAT ROAR! MY HEART STOOD STILL! KING KULL HAD MEANWHILE SHOT OFF HIS DEADLY ROCKET, DOOMING MANKIND!
HO HA! IN SECONDS THAT ROCKET WILL EXPLODE AND FILL EARTH'S AIR WITH ATOMIC GAS, KILLING ALL LIFE! NO NAAAAAAA!
ROARRRR


I SAW IT ALL FROM THE WHALER! YOU THINK A ROCKET IS FAST? YOU SHOULD SEE CAPTAIN MARVEL WHEN HE SHIFTS INTO HIGH!
WOWWWW! A HUMAN METEOR! HE'S CATCHING THE ROCKET!


MIGHTIEST OF ALL WAS THIS DEED BY THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL, AS HE SWIFTLY SHOVED THE ROCKET INTO EMPTY SPACE, TO COLLIDE WITH A METEOR! SENSATIONAL---COLOSSAL---CYCLOPEAN---GIGANTIC---COSMIC---UNBEATABLE!
BOOM
AW, EASY NOW, JACK! ALL I DID WAS CRASH A ROCKET INTO A METEOR! WHY ALL THE FUSS?

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HA! MY TEE-TEE POWER DID A HEADSTAND LEAP YOU'LL NEVER BEAT!
WILD RIDERS
COMPETITION SET T.M.
TEE TEE POWER
WOW! YOU GOT 12 FEET!
I CAN MAKE FLYIN' FREDDIE BEAT THAT BACKWARDS
PUMP THE TOWER
HEAR THE JET-LIKE WHINE AS AIR SPINS TURBINE-LIKE POWER WHEEL FASTER AND FASTER!
LET 'ER RIP!
ZOOM
15 FEET! AND A BACKWARD WHEELIE MAN--I WIN!
WOW! A MID-AIR FLIP!
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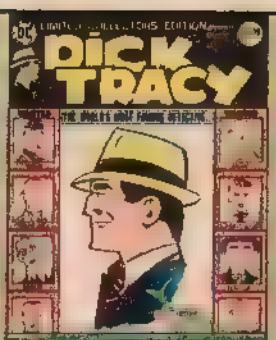

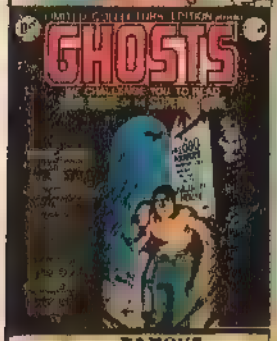

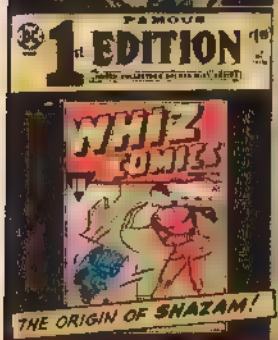

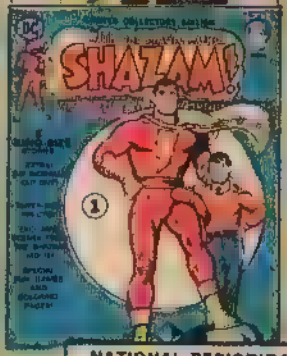

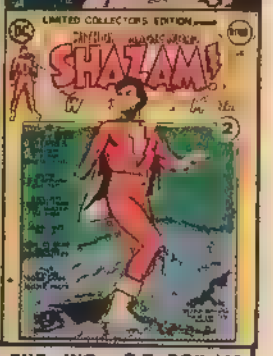

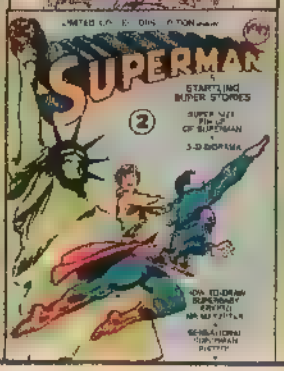

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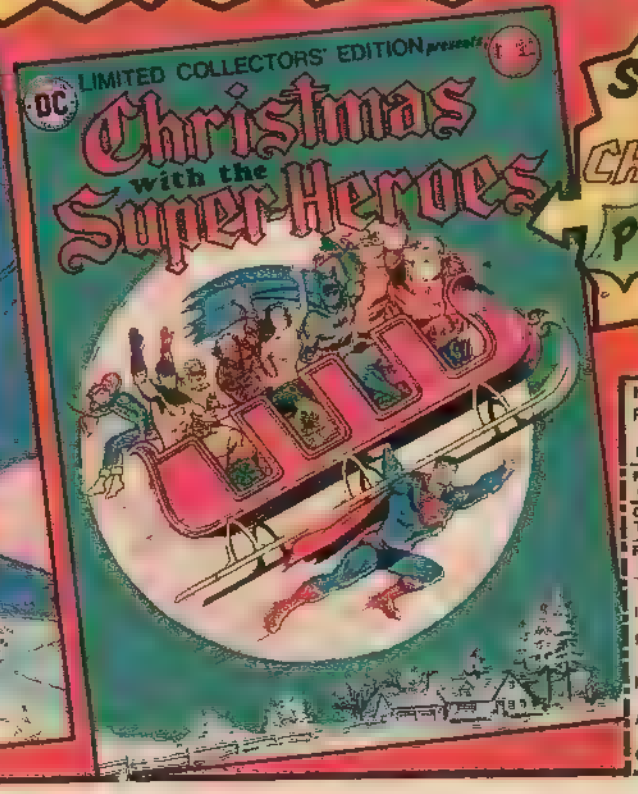

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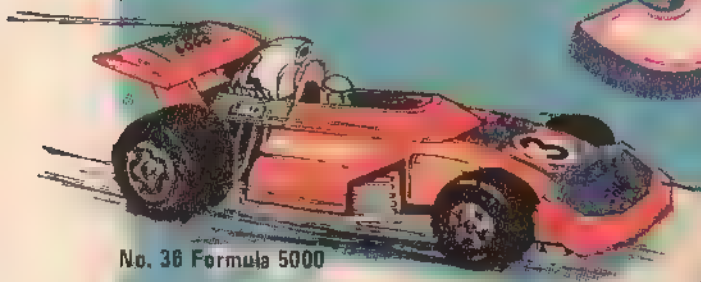

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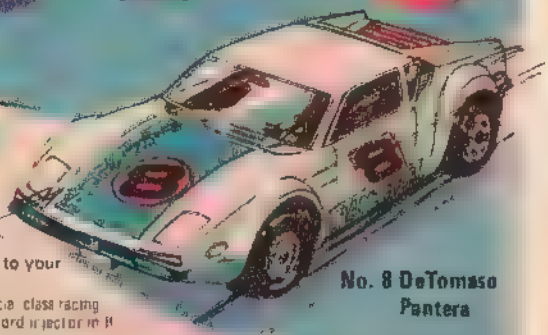

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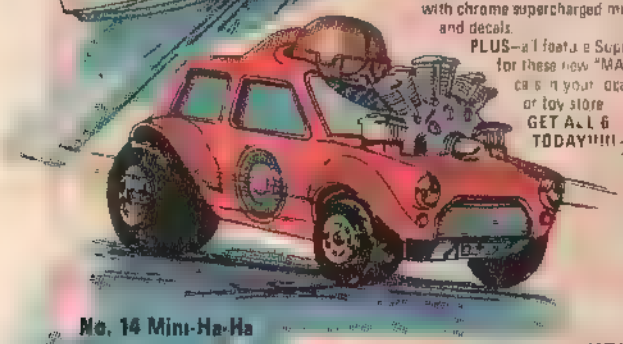

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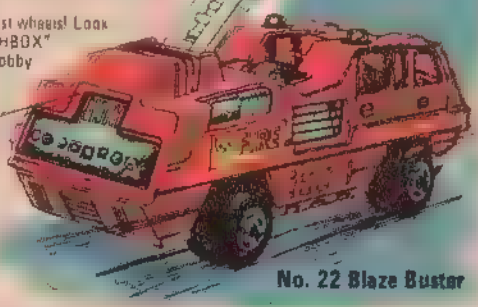

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CAPTAIN MARVEL'S MOST DIFFICULT TASK

ONE LITTLE THING WAS LEFT TO DO--- MAKING SURE KING KULL WOULD NEVER USE THE ICE PIT AGAIN!

CRASH

LITTLE THING, HE SAYS!

BUT THE BEAST-MAN HIMSELF HAD HAD TIME TO ESCAPE DOWN INTO THE GLOOMY UNDERGROUND DOMAIN HE HAUNTS!

HE HAD AN ESCAPE HOLE READY! NO USE SEARCHING THIS MAZE! HIS PLOT IS WRECKED ANYWAY!

CAPTAIN MARVEL FINISHED UP **WHAM** WITH A *WHAM*, EH? BUT ON THE WAY HOME

SO THAT WAS YOUR **MOST DIFFICULT TASK**? NOW YOU CAN RELAX!

R-R-RELAX? NO, J-JACK! **NOW** COMES MY M-M-MOST DIFFICULT T-TASK! H-HOLY MOLEY! H-HOW CAN I F-F-FACE IT?

SO HELP ME, FOLKS! CAPTAIN MARVEL WAS SHAKING LIKE A **LEAF**! THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN WAS **SCARED STIFF**! ALL THOSE OTHER FEATS HE PERFORMED WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE! BUT NOW HIS KNEES TREMBLED AND HIS FACE WAS WHITE AS CHALK AS HE FINALLY FACED **HIS MOST DIFFICULT TASK**!

COWARD! ARE YOU A MOUSE? YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF IT! GO IN AND FACE IT LIKE A MAN!

P-PLEASE, JACK! HAVE M-MERCY! **ANYTHING** BUT TH-TH-THIS!

CAPTAIN MARVEL! FOR LAUNCHING **WHAM**, AND FOR SAVING EARTH FROM KING KULL, WE HEREBY ARE DEEPLY HONORED TO AWARD YOU THIS **UN** MEDAL!

I--I---ER--- THANK YOU, SIR!

YES, FOLKS, TO THE **WORLD'S MOST MODEST MAN**, THIS WAS HIS **MOST DIFFICULT TASK!**

THE END.

THE LEGENDS OF SHAZAM!

5. ACHILLES

ACHILLEUS, OR ACHILLES, WAS THE SON OF PELEUS (ONE OF THE HEROES WHO HELPED JASON FIND THE GOLDEN FLEECE) AND THE SEA-NYMPH THETIS. WHEN ACHILLES WAS A BABY, HIS MOTHER DIPPED HIM IN THE RIVER STYX...

THIS WILL MAKE YOU IMMUNE TO ALL HARM!

BUT THE HEEL BY WHICH SHE HELD HIM DID NOT TOUCH THE MAGIC WATER!

WHEN PARIS, PRINCE OF TROY, CARRIED OFF QUEEN HELEN OF SPARTA, ALL THE PRINCES OF GREECE WENT TO WAR AGAINST TROY -- INCLUDING ACHILLES. DURING THE FIGHTING HE TOOK CAPTIVE A BEAUTIFUL GIRL...

AGAMEMNON, LEADER OF THE GREEK FORCES, CLAIMED THE PRISONER, SO ACHILLES WITHDREW FROM THE FIGHTING...

I WILL NOT SERVE UNDER A MAN WHO TREATS ME THUS!

BUT PATROCLUS, ACHILLES' FRIEND, WENT INTO BATTLE WEARING HIS ARMOR, AND...

THE MIGHTY HECTOR HAS SLAIN PATROCLUS!...

...AND TAKEN ACHILLES' ARMOR!

ENRAGED, AND WEARING NEW ARMOR, ACHILLES ATTACKED THE TROJANS, KILLING MANY... INCLUDING THEIR GREAT CHAMPION, HECTOR...

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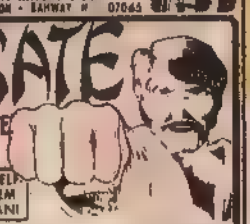

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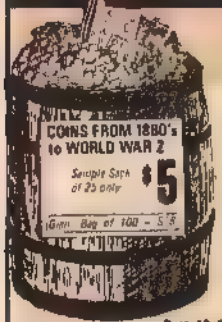

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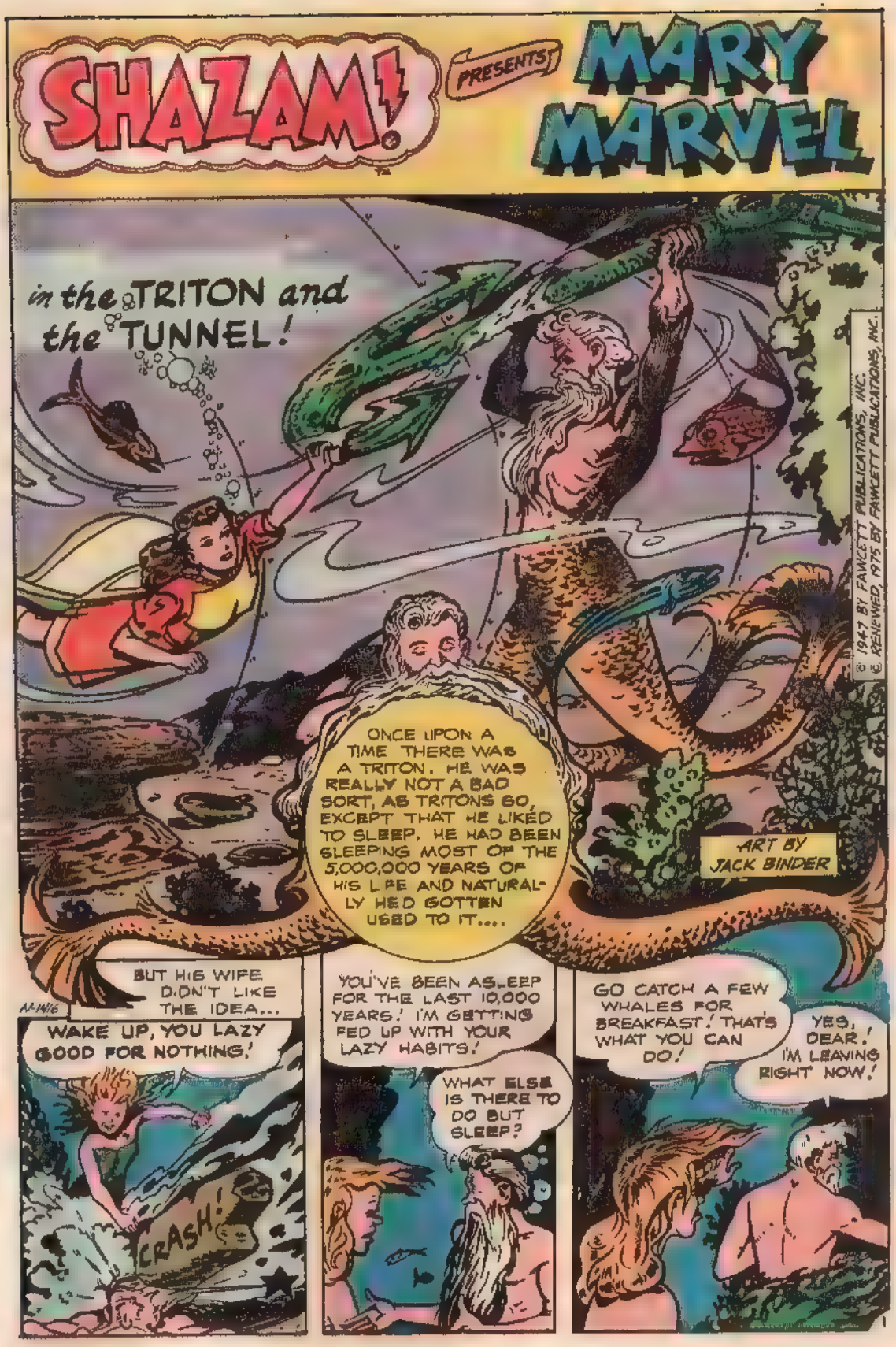
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in the TRITON and the TUNNEL!
ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A TRITON. HE WAS REALLY NOT A BAD SORT, AS TRITONS GO, EXCEPT THAT HE LIKED TO SLEEP. HE HAD BEEN SLEEPING MOST OF THE 5,000,000 YEARS OF HIS LIFE AND NATURALLY HED GOTTEN USED TO IT....
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BUT HIS WIFE DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA...
WAKE UP, YOU LAZY GOOD FOR NOTHING!
CRASH!
YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR THE LAST 10,000 YEARS! I'M GETTING FED UP WITH YOUR LAZY HABITS!
WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO BUT SLEEP?
GO CATCH A FEW WHALES FOR BREAKFAST! THAT'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!
YES, DEAR! I'M LEAVING RIGHT NOW!

THE TRITON KEPT RIGHT ON GOING. HE FOUND A NICE, SAFE BERTH IN A RIVER AND WENT TO SLEEP, WHERE THERE WAS NO ONE TO DISTURB HIM.
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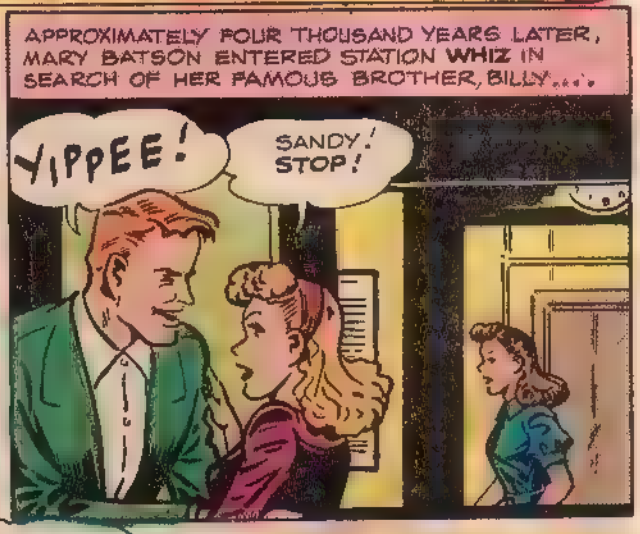
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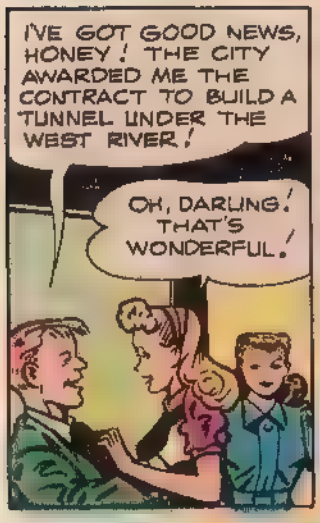
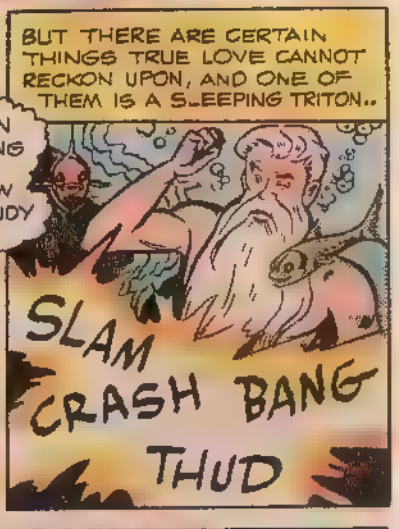
YIPPEE!
SANDY! STOP!


I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS, HONEY! THE CITY AWARDED ME THE CONTRACT TO BUILD A TUNNEL UNDER THE WEST RIVER!
OH, DARLING! THAT'S WONDERFUL!

I'VE GOT TO FINISH THE JOB IN SIX MONTHS OR LOSE THE CONTRACT! BUT I CAN DO IT, AND THEN WE'LL BE MARRIED!
I'VE KNOWN LOUISE A LONG TIME! SHE'S A FINE GIRL! I KNOW THAT SHE AND SANDY WILL BE HAPPY TOGETHER!


BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS TRUE LOVE CANNOT RECKON UPON, AND ONE OF THEM IS A SLEEPING TRITON..
SLAM
CRASH
BANG
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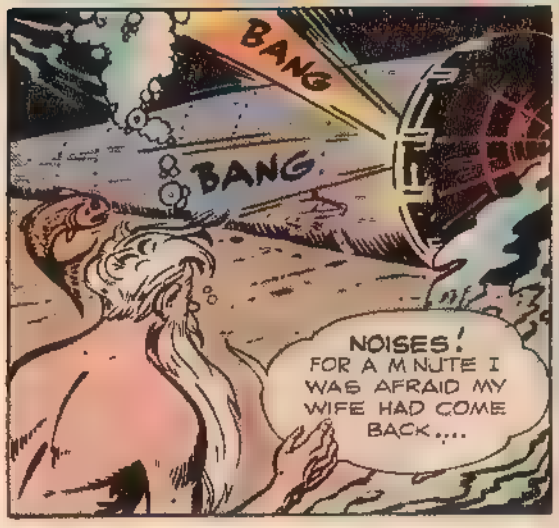
BANG
BANG
NOISES! FOR A MINUTE I WAS AFRAID MY WIFE HAD COME BACK....

BUT IT IS ONLY SOME STRANGE ANIMAL! I FIX HIM SO HE MAKE NO MORE NOISE! THEN I CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP!

THE TRITON AND THE TUNNEL

MEANWHILE ...
THE WORK'S GOING FINE, LOUISE! WE'RE TWO DAYS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND....
THE TUNNEL COLLAPSED!
WHAT'S THAT? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
A TUNNEL SECTION SMASHED IN! THE MEN ARE TRAPPED IN THE FORWARD LOCK!
THEY'LL NEVER GET DIVERS DOWN TO THE MEN IN TIME!... SHAZAM!
WHEN MARY BATSON SAYS SHAZAM, SHE CALLS DOWN MAGIC LIGHTNING TO CHANGE HER INTO MIGHTY MARY MARVEL!
IT'S UP TO ME TO SAVE THEM!
HOLY MOLEY! THE WHOLE SIDE OF THAT TUNNEL SECTION IS CRUSHED AS THOUGH BY A TERRIBLE BLOW!
WATER MUST HAVE FLOODED THE FORWARD SECTION, TOO! ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE ALL THOSE MEN!
I'LL HAVE TO LIFT THE WHOLE SECTION!

BACK TO SHORE! I DON'T THINK THE MEN INSIDE HAVE BEEN SUBMERGED LONG ENOUGH TO HAVE SUFFERED ANY REAL HARM!
RIGHT THIS WAY, GENTLEMEN! ALL ASHORE THAT'S GOING ASHORE!
WE-WE'RE ALIVE! IT'S A MIRACLE!
THIS PUSHES THE WORK WEEKS BEHIND SCHEDULE! BUT I'LL COMPLETE IT ON TIME ---BARRING FURTHER ACCIDENTS!
THAT SMASHED UP TUNNEL SECTION LOOKED LIKE DELIBERATE SABOTAGE! I'D BETTER BE CLOSE BY, IN CASE ANY MORE "ACCIDENTS" START HAPPENING!
UNDISTURBED, THE TRITON FALLS INTO A PROFOUND SLEEP FROM WHICH EVEN THE NOISES OF RENEWED CONSTRUCTION DO NOT WAKEN HIM.....
AND SOON...
WE'RE ALMOST FINISHED BUILDING THE TUNNEL! JUST A DAY AHEAD OF THE DEADLINE, TOO!
THAT'S WONDERFUL, SANDY!
THE LAST SECTION IS BEING FITTED INTO PLACE NOW! WE'LL TAKE THE FIRST RIDE THROUGH THE COMPLETED TUNNEL!
ISN'T IT THRILLING?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
THE BOYS JUST DYNAMITED AN OVERHANGING ROCK LEDGE! WE NEEDED TO CLEAR IT OUT OF THE WAY!
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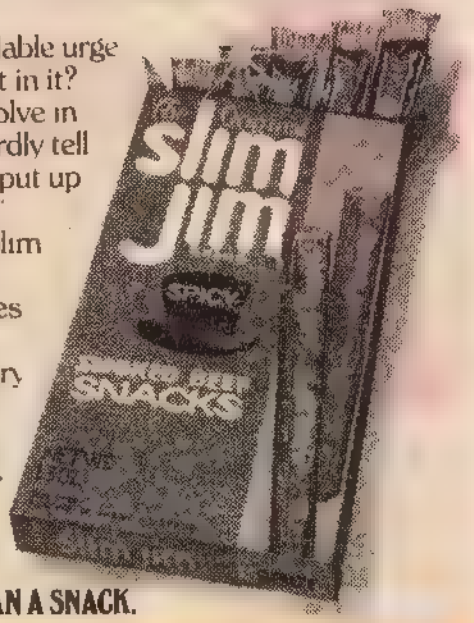

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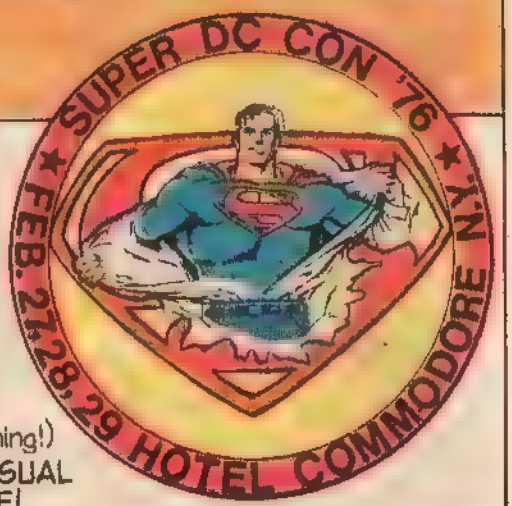

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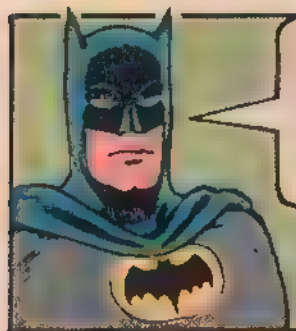

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I'LL TEAR OUT HIS HEART!
CLANK!
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ONLY A TERRIFIC BLOW COULD HAVE FORCED THAT ANCHOR THROUGH THE WALL! SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY WRONG!
THEY'RE TOO BUSY TO NOTICE ME! I'LL DO MY OWN INVESTIGATING..... SHAZAM!
BOOM!
SANDY AND HIS WORKMEN CAN REPAIR THAT ONE LEAK! BUT IF THIS IS SABOTAGE THERE'LL BE OTHERS!

HOLY MOLEY! IT'S A TRITON!
PUT DOWN THAT ANCHOR!
ANOTHER ENEMY!
I WILL DESTROY THIS ONE TOO!
HE'S STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT!
BUT I KNOW HOW TO DISCOURAGE HIM!
THOOOF!
HE, WON'T FEEL SO COMBATIVE AFTER THIS!
OH-OH! HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE TO THE RESCUE!
LUCKY I HEARD THIS UPROAR! I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU!
Y-YES, DEAR!
THAT MUST BE HIS WIFE! SHE'LL PROBABLY PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE BETTER THAN I EVER COULD!

THE TRITON AND THE TUNNEL

SOMETHING TELLS ME THE TRITON WON'T CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE! I'LL GO BACK AND SEE HOW SANDY IS PROGRESSING WITH THE TUNNEL REPAIRS!

NEXT DAY, AT THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY MARKING THE TUNNEL'S COMPLETION....
CONGRATULATIONS, SANDY! THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIG BANQUET IN YOUR HONOR! I'LL SEE YOU THERE LATER, I SUPPOSE?
I WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR ANYTHING!

WELL, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRITONS AND HUMANS! THE MENFOLK NEVER SUCCEED IN DOING QUITE WHAT THEY WANT TO! BUT AFTER ALL, WE WOMEN KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR THEM!
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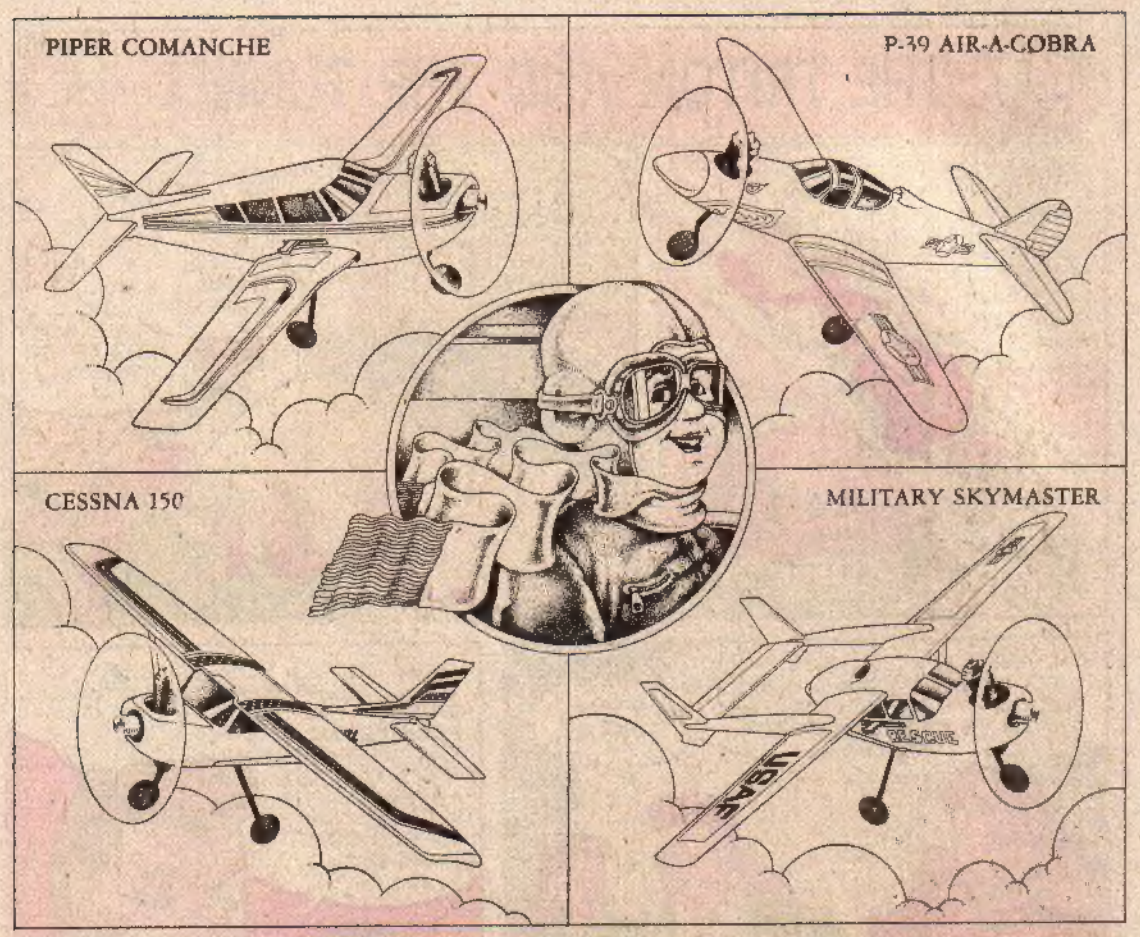

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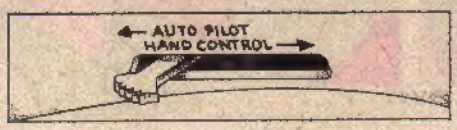

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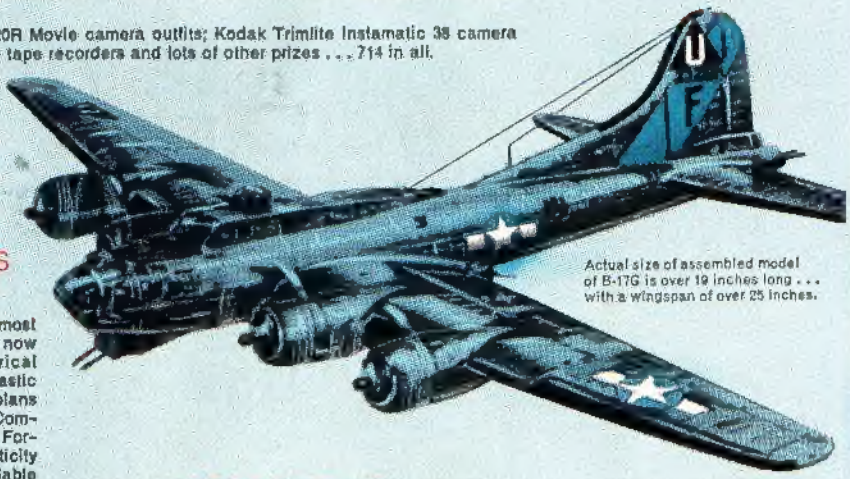

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1. To enter Monogram's "Wild Blue Yonder" Sweepstakes, print your name, address and zip code on an official entry blank or on a 3" x 5" piece of paper. Then answer the three questions on the entry blank. The answers can be found on a sticker attached to the label of every B-17G Flying Fortress package. Enter as many times as you like, but each entry must be mailed in a separate envelope. Mail entries to: "WILD BLUE YONDER" SWEEPSTAKES, c/o Monogram Models, Inc., Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.

2. To be eligible for prizes, entries must be postmarked by March 1, 1976 and received by March 15, 1976.

3. All winners will be determined in a random drawing of correct entries by an independent judging organization whose decisions are final.

4. First Prize is an expense-paid trip for eight days and seven nights to London, England for three people. 3 Second Prizes are expense-paid trips for three people in each trip to either of two destinations of the winner's choice: six days and five nights at Disneyland (plus three days and two nights in Seattle including a tour of the Boeing plant) or six days and five nights at Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida (plus three days and two nights in Dayton, Ohio to visit the Wright-Patterson Air Museum). All trips include: round-trip air transportation, ground transfers, first class hotel accommodations and sightseeing. 10 Third Prizes are Kodak XL-320R Movie Outfits. 25 Fourth Prizes are Kodak Trimlite Instamatic 38 Camera Outfits. 25 Fifth Prizes are Superscope C-101 Cassette Tape Recorders. 100 Sixth Prizes are $10 worth of Monogram kits of the winner's choice. 280 Seventh Prizes are B-17 T-shirts. 175 Eighth Prizes are one year subscriptions to Boys' Life magazine. 175 Ninth Prizes are one year subscriptions to Young Athlete magazine.

5. Prizes are non-transferable and non-redeemable for cash. Limit one prize to a family. No substitutions of prizes permitted. Taxes, if any, are the sole responsibility of the winners. All 714 prizes will be awarded. The odds of winning will be determined by the number of correct entries received.

6. The "Wild Blue Yonder" Sweepstakes is open to all residents of the United States and Canada, except employees and their families of Monogram Models, Inc., its advertising agency, affiliated companies, and agents. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. All federal, state and local regulations apply.

7. For a complete list of winners, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: "Wild Blue Yonder" Winners List, c/o Monogram Models, Inc., Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.

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